

# Public Enemy Lyrics

## "Black Steel In The Hour Of Chaos"

I got a letter from the government  
The other day  
I opened and read it  
It said they were suckers  
They wanted me for their army or whatever  
Picture me given' a damn - I said never  
Here is a land that never gave a damn  
About a brother like me and myself  
Because they never did  
I wasn't wit' it, but just that very minute...  
It ocured to me  
The suckers had authority  
Cold sweatin' as I dwell in my cell  
How long has it been?  
They got me sittin' in the state pen  
I gotta get out - but that thought was thought before  
I contemplated a plan on the cell floor  
I'm not a fugitive on the run  
But a brother like me begun - to be another one  
Public enemy servin' time - they drew the line y'all  
To criticize me some crime - never the less  
They could not understand that I'm a Black man  
And I could never be a veteran  
On the strength, the situation's unreal  
I got a raw deal, so I'm goin' for the steel

They got me rottin' in the time that I'm servin'  
Tellin' you what happened the same time they're throwin'  
4 of us packed in a cell like slaves - oh well  
The same motherfucker got us livin' is his hell  
You have to realize - what its a form of slavery  
Organized under a swarm of devils  
Straight up - word'em up on the level  
The reasons are several, most of them federal  
Here is my plan anyway and I say  
I got gusto, but only some I can trust - yo  
Some do a bid from 1 to 10  
And I never did, and plus I never been  
I'm on a tier where no tears should ever fall  
Cell block and locked - I never clock it y'all  
'Cause time and time again time  
They got me servin' to those and to them  
I'm not a citizen  
But ever when I catch a C-O  
Sleepin' on the job - my plan is on go-ahead  
On the strength, I'ma tell you the deal  
I got nothin' to lose

'Cause I'm goin' for the steel

You know I caught a C-O  
Fallin' asleep on death row  
I grabbed his gun - then he did what I said so  
And everyman's got served  
Along with the time they served  
Decency was deserved  
To understand my demands  
I gave a warnin' - I wanted the governor, y'all  
And plus the warden to know  
That I was innocent -  
Because I'm militant  
Posing a threat, you bet it's fuckin' up the government  
My plan said I had to get out and break north  
Just like with Oliver's neck  
I had to get off - my boys had the feds in check  
They couldn't do nuthin'  
We had a force to instigate a prison riot  
This is what it takes for peace  
So I just took the piece  
Black for Black inside time to cut the leash  
Freedom to get out - to the ghetto - no sell out  
6 C-Os we got we ought to put their head out  
But I'll give 'em a chance, cause I'm civilized  
As for the rest of the world, they can't realize  
A cell is hell - I'm a rebel so I rebel  
Between bars, got me thinkin' like an animal  
Got a woman C-O to call me a copter  
She tried to get away, and I popped her  
Twice, right  
Now who wanna get nice?  
I had 6 C-Os, now it's 5 to go  
And I'm serious - call me delirious  
But I'm still a captive  
I gotta rap this  
Time to break as time grows intense  
I got the steel in my right hand  
Now I'm lookin' for the fence

I ventured into the courtyard  
Followed by 52 brothers  
Bruised, battered, and scarred but hard  
Goin' out with a bang  
Ready to bang out  
But power from the sky  
And from the tower shots rang out  
A high number of dose - yes  
And some came close  
Figure I trigger my steel  
Stand and hold my post  
This is what I mean - an anti-nigger machine  
If I come out alive and then they won't - come clean

And then I threw up my steel bullets - flew up  
Blew up, who shot...  
What, who, the bazooka was who  
And to my rescue, it was the S1Ws  
Secured my getaway, so I just got away  
The joint broke, from the black smoke  
Then they saw it was rougher than the average bluffer  
'Cause the steel was black, the attitude exact  
Now the chase is on tellin' you to c'mon  
53 brothers on the run, and we are gone